

Friday 05 April 2019

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

This week at Brindishe Lee ...

Spring is definitely in the air ... learning has ventured outside and children have been busy planting seeds in Reception and so many children are busy tending the flowers budding all around our outdoor spaces. Lunchtime has had a boost with the addition of some new play equipment for our Quiet Area. Thanks to a donation from Clarus, a teaching agency we work with, we have been able to buy a large, outdoor Jenga and Connect 4, some writing equipment, over-sized chalk and a huge whiteboard with pens. All of these new items have been thoroughly enjoyed by the children and encouraged some excellent cross-age fun!



A message from Chartwells ...

Our lunchtime provider,

Chartwells, have just shared their summer term menu with us. Please find the three-week rotation menu attached to this newsletter. If your child is, currently, brings a packed lunch to school each day and would like to join the school lunch eaters, please speak to Mary in the office. Thank you.



Safeguarding ...

In today's digitally connected world, children and adults are constantly presented with new ways to engage, react and contribute online. We're sociable beings; it's a natural human instinct, especially amongst younger audiences, to want to belong and join in. Viral Challenges (as they're often known) draw on these emotions and, as the name suggests, spread and gather pace very rapidly. New challenges are constantly emerging and evolving. Some of these online challenges can have much more sinister undertones, putting children at risk. For further information about some of these risks and to download a parent guide please go to the following website:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/online-challenges-guide-for-parents/>

Local arts opportunities for children and their families



There are a number of our local creative arts centres offering dance, drama, music and creative learning opportunities this Easter holiday and also at weekends during this spring / summer. Please see the information attached to this letter to see if there is anything your child would like to try ...

First Aid update

We will now only be calling parents / carers when a child has banged their head and is left with a bump or visual mark. All children will still be seen by a first aider and, if nothing is visible at the time of examination, they will receive a bumped head sticker and be monitored. A first aid form will be issued for parent/carer information.



Dates for your diary ...

Next week

WE BREAK FOR THE HOLIDAY ON TUESDAY!

09 April	Break for Easter Holiday
23 April	Summer term begins
22 May	Online safety workshop for all parents / carers @ 09:30 & 17:30



Rights Respecting news

Over the next week our assemblies and class discussions will be focused on **Article 11**
You have the right to work and rest..



Attendance this week

Top attendance this week goes to ... **Year 5, Willow 98.5%** and **Year 5, Cherry with 98%** ... **Go Year 5!**

And finally...

Last day of term ... the **Easter holiday begins on Wednesday 10 April** and ends on Easter Monday, 22 April. See you for the **SUMMER TERM** which **BEGINS ON TUESDAY 23 APRIL.**

I hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the Easter break. See you on the 23rd.

Lisa Morris, Headteacher

Stop press!! F@B 100 CLUB winners this term, drawn tonight by Mary ...
... Lucy Lock £100
... Kim Hauman £50
Congratulations to you both!

This week's learning at Brindishe Lee...

We found out that if it's not an even number, it can't be shared because it's odd! We also used conjunctions like 'and' and 'because' to make our sentences longer.

Reception

In maths, we've been doing multiplication and choosing whether we need a challenge, need practice or need help. We've also written poems about the dark and are rewriting the story in our own words!

Year 1
Magnolia

This week, we've been doing word sentence math challenges about multiplication, which is when we have to make a number sentence and word sentence, like $7 \times 2 = 14$ and 7 lots of 2 is 14.

Year 1
Sycamore

In English, we finished our Queen Victoria review and we've been done a maths test which was hard but interesting. We also learnt how to ask your age in German!

Year 2

We've started long multiplication which is a 3 digit number times a 2 digit number. We also made songs in music and experimented with different instruments.

Year 3

In science, we're looking at the digestive system which is more complicated than you think! We've also started dividing and multiplying with decimals like $12.12 \div 6 = 2.02$.

Year 4

We worked out the mean average in maths - you add all the items and divide by the number of items. We've also written booklets about Greek boats like the trireme.

Year 5
Willow

We've carried on our Odysseus stories from last week, and started long division: $130 \div 20$. We've drawn Greek vases in red and black, and are having a Greek day soon!

Year 5
Cherry

We've been going through our maths SATs which has been useful. In English, we're writing a story related to *Wonder* - we choose a character and write a fiction related to them.

Year 6

Our Sports correspondent has reported that there was an all girls 6-a-side football match held yesterday between Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Manor. It was a well fought game and our team tried their hardest but lost 2-0. However, it's OK because they tried their best!